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1. ECMIN DISCUSSED U.S. EVALUATION OF CONFERENCE ON INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC) AND PROSPECTS FOR
MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC DIALOGUE WITH AMBASSADOR GUAZZARONI
(MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) JANUARY 21. IN
ORAL PRESENTATION, ECMIN (A) STRESSED U.S. DESIRE TO MAINTAIN
CLOSE CONTACT WITH GOI OFFICIALS AND COMMITMENT TO CONSTRUCTIVE
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DEBATE AND PROGRESS IN EACH OF THE CIEC COMMISSIONS (INCLUDING
NEED TO MAINTAIN THEIR RESTRICTIVE AND LARGELY AUTONOMOUS

NATURE) AND (B) DESCRIBED OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR WORK OF EACH COMMISSION. ECMIN ALSO LEFT FULLER WRITTEN EXPLANATIONS OF U.S. VIEWS.

2. GUAZZARONI EXPRESSED BROAD AGREEMENT WITH U.S. VIEWS. HE AGREED WITH HOPEFUL ASSESSMENT OF OUTLOOK FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE, IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSIONS, WHICH SHOULD PERMIT MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS, UNLIKE UN BODIES. GUAZZARONI OPINED THAT LDC'S, AS REPRESENTED BY GROUP OF 19, WERE SHOWING INCREASING WILLINGNESS TO KEEP DIALOGUE WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS. WHILE AGREEING THAT GROUP OF 19 LIST OF CIEC TOPICS (OECD PARIS 1259) IS VERY LONG, GUAZZARONI SAID THAT GROUP OF 19 SEEMS TO LOWER ITS SIGHTS WITH EACH SUCCEEDING MEETING.

3. GUAZZARONI FULLY AGREED ON NEED FOR SEPARATION OF ISSUES INTO FOUR COMMISSIONS AND FOR RELATIVELY BRIEF COMMISSION MEETINGS. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT GROUP OF 19 WOULD NOT REOPEN SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS AT JANUARY 26 MEETING, I.E. THAT MORE MODERATE PARTICIPANTS WILL PREVAIL.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO GOI STAFFING FOR CIEC, GUAZZARONI SAID THAT MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO WOULD COORDINATE OVERALL GOI POLICY. RESPONSIBILITY ON TECHNICAL LEVEL FOR EACH OF COMMISSIONS WOULD BE GIVEN TO FOLLOWING MINISTRIES: INDUSTRY FOR ENERGY COMMISSION, FOREIGN TRADE FOR RAW MATERIALS, BUDGET AND PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND TREASURY AND BANK OF ITALY FOR FINANCIAL COMMISSION. VOLPE

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